

## **News Release**

Release No. <u>CESWF-PA-02-055</u> Contact: <u>Ron Ruffennach</u>

For Release: <u>Immediate 13 Aug 02</u> Phone: <u>(817) 886-1517</u>

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to host public meeting about ordnance investigation

The public is invited to a meeting about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' ordnance investigation on property comprising what was once Camp Bowie, an Army training installation in Brown and Mills Counties. The meeting sign-in will be from 6:30-7 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Brownwood Coliseum, 500 East Baker in Brownwood.

The Corps' Fort Worth District, the Corps' Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala., and EOD Technology, Inc., a private contractor, have begun an ordnance investigation at the approximately 122,000-acre former camp area. The investigation is designed to determine the presence and extent of ordnance and explosive items remaining in the former camp area, and to make recommendations for future actions based on the results.

Camp Bowie was used for Army training during World War II. It was located in the southern part of Brown County and in the northern part of Mills County. U.S. Highway 283 formed its northern boundary, and Williams Ranch Road paralleled the eastern boundary. The property is now occupied by the Texas National Guard (the current Camp Bowie, which is not a part of the Corps' ordnance investigation), industrial plants including 3M and Kholer, Festival Park, the Brownwood Country Club, the Havins Unit Prison, and agricultural and residential landowners.

For more information about the meeting or the project, call Anita Horky at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 817-886-1313.